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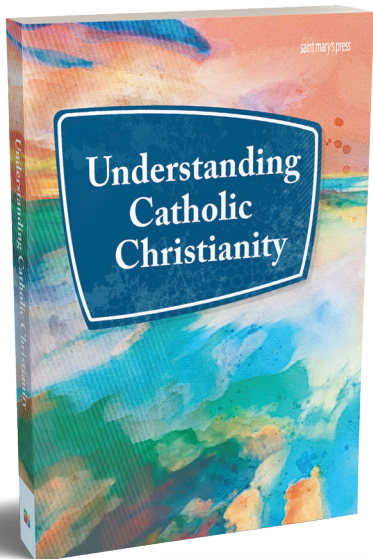
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by many religions. By making these practices part of one's life, people can stay connected with God, the source of love and blessing.

### Human Life Has Purpose

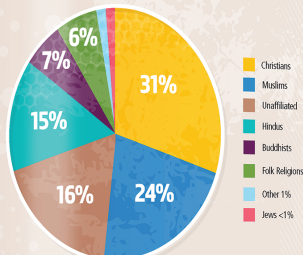
Have you ever been asked what you want to be when you grow up or what you want to study in college? You will no doubt be asked these questions more often in your next few years of high school. These questions can feel annoying to young people who are still trying to figure out what they want to do with their lives.

Here's some good news. The world's great religions make a distinction between the work that you *do* and the kind of person you *are*. Your career and the work you do can take many different paths with few wrong choices. You can be a politician, a health care worker, a plumber or an electrician. You might be a minister, an artist, or a sports enthusiast. These are all possible jobs you might do. But they are not who you are. Who you are is more significant than what you do.

It might be better if people would ask what kind of person you want to be. When asked that, most teens give

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### Religious Affiliation Worldwide



Percentages do not add up to 100 due to rounding. \*Christian includes Catholics. \*Folk Religions includes indigenous religions. \*Other includes Taoism and Confucianism.

these answers: "I want to be a good friend. I want to help other people. I want to be someone others can count on. I want to be a person who is happy and content." These are all great life goals, and working on them determines the kind of person you will become.

The world's great religions teach that who we are and who we are becoming matters. Human life has a purpose and a goal. Our purpose is to cooperate with God's desire to be a source of beauty, joy, peace, and love. Because God has given human beings free will, we can bring harm to creation—including other humans. But because of our free will, we can also be—we *should* be—sources of healing. We can help creation become what God wishes it to be.

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**H**ow would you answer the question, "What kind of person do you want to be?"



# NEW! Living Justice and Peace



- the right to worship according to one's conscience
- economic rights
- political rights
- the right to life
- rights pertaining to moral and cultural values
- the right to choose one's state in life
- the right of meeting and association
- the right to emigrate and immigrate

### Responsibilities: Limits on Rights

Though Catholic social teaching affirms the importance of rights, it also says that rights are not unlimited. An individual's rights are limited by their **responsibilities** for the good of others, as well as for the common good of the whole society. Out of responsibility for the common good, governments must regulate rights in particular instances.

**responsibilities** Those things a person is obligated to do.

### The Influence of Women on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Human rights that are officially recognized (if not always respected) by most nations in the world are listed in a 1948 United Nations document that the Catholic Church has strongly supported as a tool for promoting justice. Eleanor Roosevelt, former First Lady of the United States, was the first chair of the Commission of Human Rights and was instrumental in the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. She was joined by Hansa Mehta from India, who succeeded in changing the text from "All Men" to "All human beings are born free and equal. . . . Minerva Bernardino, a diplomat from the Dominican Republic, pushed to include the wording, "the equality of men and women" in the preamble. Begum Ikramullah from Pakistan, championed Article 16 regarding equal rights in marriage. Bodil Begtrup

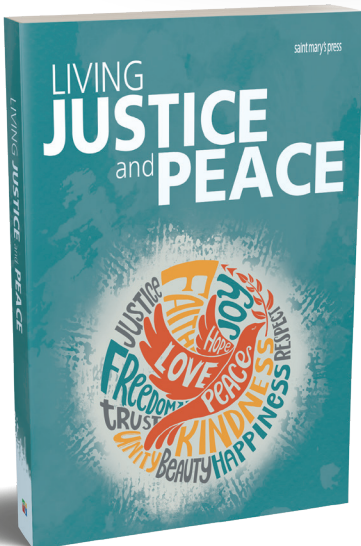


Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, speaking at the United Nations in July 1947.

of Denmark advocated that the text refer to "all" or "everyone" rather than "all men." Not surprisingly, it was a woman, Marie-Hélène Lefauveux of France, who ensured that gender equality was included in Article 2. Evdokia Uralova fought for the inclusion of "equal pay for equal work" in Article 23. And Lakshmi Menon from India was passionate about the principle of gender equality being included throughout the document.

For example, all people have the right to own property (land, cars, money, clothes, and so on). But Catholic social teaching says that everything in the world is a gift given by God for the good of all people, both now and in the future. So people have a responsibility to care for their property, and to use it to promote their own dignity as

well as the dignity of their families and all members of society. When some people have more property than they really need, while others do not have enough to maintain a dignified life, then those with more have a responsibility to fulfill their neighbor's right to the necessities of a good life.



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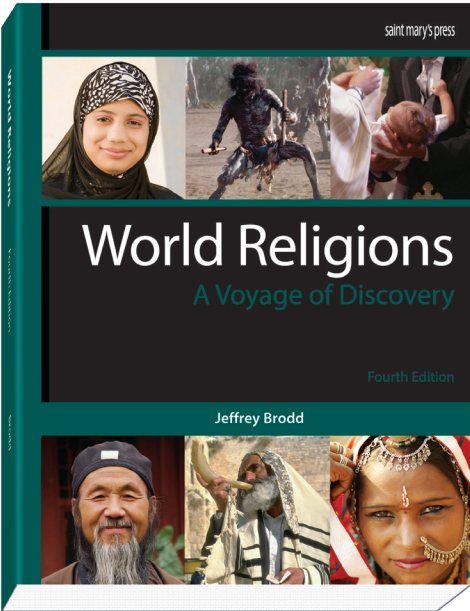
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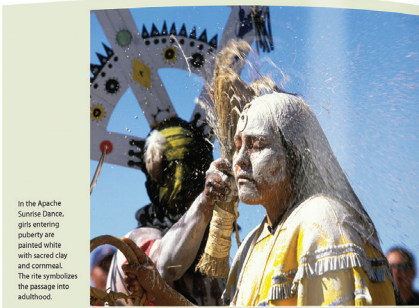
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In the Apache Sunrise Dance, girls entering puberty are painted white with sacred clay and cornmeal. The rite symbolizes the passage into adulthood.

**Ancestors**  
For the Australian Aboriginal religion, Ancestors are supernatural beings (or deities) who emerged and named the earth during the time of the Dreaming, giving shape to the landscape and creating various forms of life. When the word *ancestors* is lowered, it refers to the deceased, who can assist the living while requiring religious devotion (as among the Yoruba, for example).

of North America, and the Aztecs. Once we have considered some particular features of each of these religions, we will reflect on general themes that tend to be common to indigenous religious traditions.

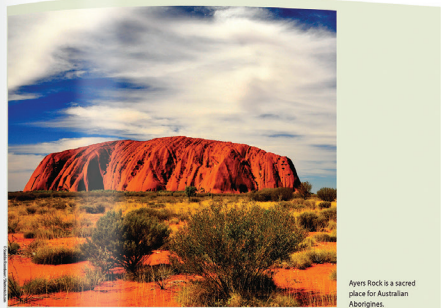
### RELIGION OF THE AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINES

The Aborigines, the native people of Australia, were largely unaffected by outsiders until the arrival of Europeans some two hundred years ago. The Aborigines maintained traditions extending many thousands of years into the past. In some areas, notably in the northern and central regions of Australia, those traditions remain largely intact today.

Australia is a continent of great diversity. Its geography ranges from lush forested mountains to harsh deserts, and those differences have produced a variety of social groups that speak about forty separate languages and have differing customs. Australia's religious life is diverse as well, but it possesses enough common elements that we can speak of one Aboriginal religion while acknowledging its varying manifestations.

#### The Dreaming: The Eternal Time of the Ancestors

The foundation of Aboriginal religion is the concept of the Dreaming. According to Aboriginal belief, the world was



Ayers Rock is a sacred place for Australian Aborigines.

originally formless. Then at a certain point in the mythic past, supernatural beings called **Ancestors** emerged and named about the earth. The Ancestors gave shape to the landscape and created the various forms of life, including the first human beings. They organized humans into tribes, specified the territory each tribe was to occupy, and determined each tribe's language, social rules, and customs. When the Ancestors had finished and departed from the earth, they left behind symbols of their presence, in the form of natural landmarks, rock paintings, and so on.

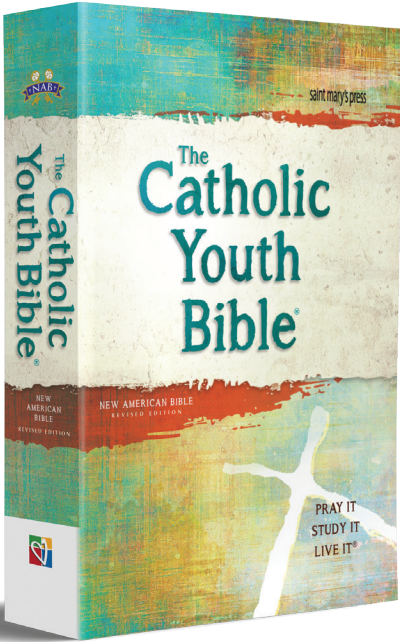
This mythic period of the Ancestors is called **the Dreaming**. In a very real sense, this period lives on, for the Aborigines believe that the spiritual essence of the Ancestors

remains in the various symbols they left behind. The sites at which these symbols are found are thought to be charged with sacred power. Only certain individuals are allowed to visit these sites and they must approach the sites in a special way. Rather than traveling the shortest route, visitors follow the paths that were originally taken by the Ancestors in the Dreaming. Their ritual approach re-creates the mythic events of the Dreaming, and through it the Aborigines re-create their world as it existed in the beginning. This re-creation gives them access to the endless sources of sacred power of these sites. The Aborigines inhabit a mythic geography—a world in which every notable landmark, whether it be a rock outcropping, a watering hole, or a cave,

**Dreaming, the**  
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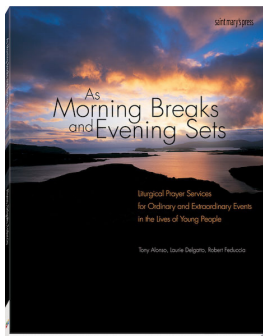
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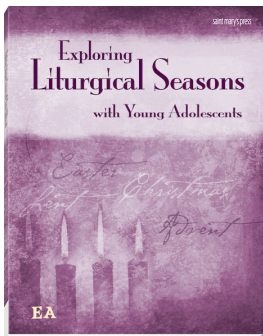
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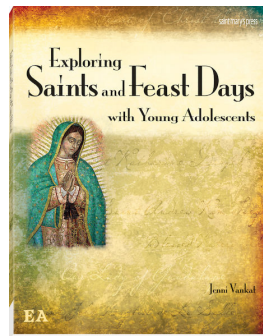
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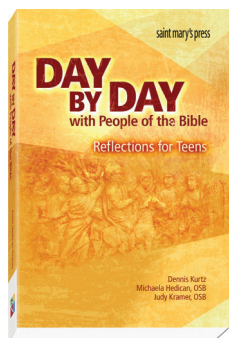
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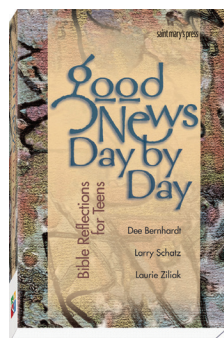
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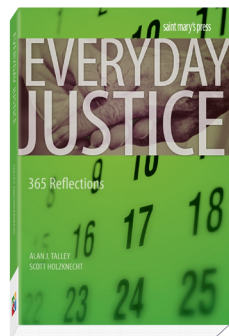
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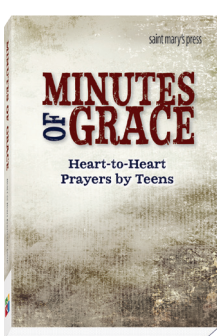
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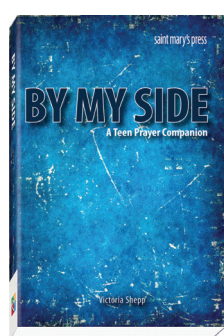
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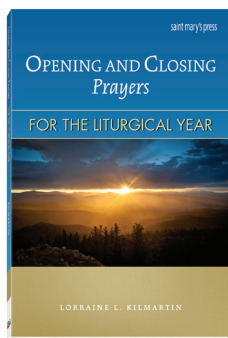
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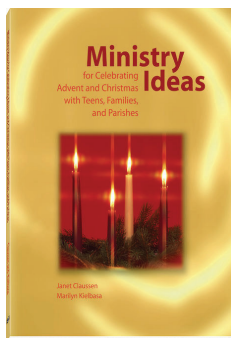
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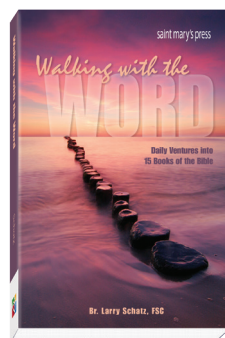
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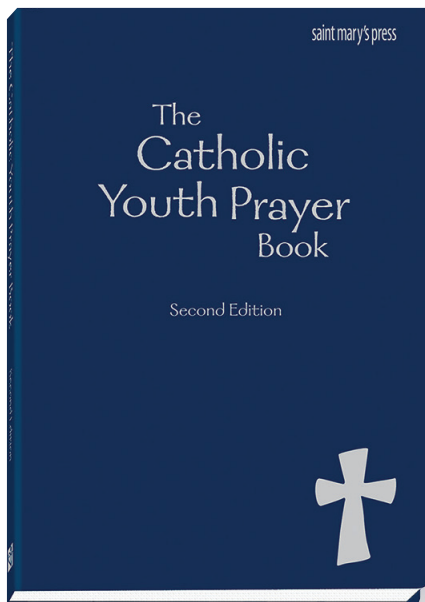


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